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This is a national phase application of Application No. PCT/JP2004/000709  
filed January 27, 2004.

Claims 1-19 are pending, with Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 16, and 19 being  
independent. Claims 1-19 have been amended therein.

Early and favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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